

Some time, we are told, when the cycle of years has rolled around, there is to be another golden age, when all men will dwell together in love and harmony, and when peace and righteousness shall prevail for a thousand years. God speed the day, and let not the shining thread of hope become so enmeshed in the web of circumstance that we lose sight of it; but give us here and there, and now and then, some little foretaste of this golden age, that we may the more patiently and hopefully await its coming!

--Charles Waddell Chesnutt, *The Wife of his Youth and Other Stories of the Color Line* (1899).

Chesnutt, a North Carolina native, was the author of *The Marrow of Tradition* (1901), based on the Wilmington events of 1898.